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SUBJECT: FOREIGN BUSINESS VISITOR, MUSTAPHA BOUARFA,
COMPUTER COMMISSIONER

REF: ALGIERS 0150, STATE 17820

1. OF 14 FIRMS INFORMED OF BOUARFA VISIT THUS FAR ALL HAVE
EXPRESSED INTEREST AND ARE MAKING APPOINTMENTS THROUGH
ALGERIAN COORDINATORS AT EMBASSY AND U.N. MISSION. HONEY-
WELL, BURROUGHS, IBM, RAMTEX AND NCR PLAN TO ATTEND FEBRU-
ARY 13 MEETING AT COMMERCE.

2. TOURS OF EXTENSIVE EDP TRAINING CENTERS HAVE BEEN
OFFERED BY NCR AT HEADQUARTERS IN DAYTON, OHIO; BURROUGHS,
AT HEADQUARTERS IN DETROIT; AND IBM IN WHITE PLAINS AND
POUGHKEEPSIE. IBM DESIRES TO HOST VISITORS FOR FULL DAY
DURING STAY IN NEW YORK. IN ADDITION, HONEYWELL, WHICH
HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED TO HOST CNI OFFICIALS JANUARY 30,
IS ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH VISITORS.

3. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE, 8600 ROCKVILLE PIKE,
BETHESDA, (CONTACT ASST. DIR. INT. AFFAIRS, MARY
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CORNING, TEL: 202-496-6481) PROVIDES EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF

COMPUTERIZED TECHNICAL LIBRARY. WITH COMPLETE BIBLIOGRAPHIC

RETRIEVAL SYSTEM KNOWN AS MEDLARS (OR MEDLINE) PROVIDING
TOTAL ONLINE ACCESS FOR 350-400 MEDICAL LIBRARIES IN THE
U.S., IT IS WORLD'S LARGEST LIBRARY IN A SINGLE SCIENTIFIC
FIELD. COMMERCE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT IF
DESIRED. ALTERNATIVES ARE BEING EXPLORED WITH LUCILLE
GORDON, PRES., N.Y. CHAPTER, SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION
AND WITH U.S. CENSUS BUREAU.

4. DATES OF VISIT CONVEYED TO RUDOLPH BERGFELD OF
COMPUTER SCIENCES CORPORATION. OTHER POTENTIALLY
INTERESTED FIRMS BEING CONTACTED INCLUDE WESTERN UNION
DATA SERVICES, MAHWAH, N.J.; TECHNOLOGY GUIDANCE,
LEBANON, N.J.; AND INTERTECH, SOMERVILLE, MASS. KISSINGER

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